

Re-structuring makes policing more effective

Bournville Bobbies have been re-structuring to make policing more effective in the area.

A central response team will continue to deal with all emergency calls whilst neighbourhood police teams have been set up to identify and deal with local policing problems. Each neighbourhood team comprises a sergeant, approximately six or seven police constables, as well as special constables and police community support officers.

All teams work under the leadership of a sector inspector, responsible for crime reduction, detection and reassurance of their communities. The teams regularly engage with the community, build links and establish the flow of community intelligence using existing forums and creating new ones.

They also build partnerships with statutory agencies and the voluntary and private sectors.



• The team of officers has specific responsibilities

The team of officers who have specific responsibility for each of your neighbourhoods are as follows:

Team headed by Inspector Liam Brennan - Bournville Lane, north sector. Bournville Village Trust (south zone):

Pictured above from left to right: PC Thomson, PC Jones, PC Orton, PC Gillick, Sgt Amos, PC Fazal and PC Parker.

Team headed by Inspector Harvi Khatkar - West sector, Hillwood Road police base. Bournville Village Trust (north zone):

Sergeant Chris Walker; PC Webster; PC Edwards; PC Ledwith; PC Robinson; PC Westwood; PC Hegarty; PC Browne.

Event Alert!



It's official! The "Get Out of Your Armchair" keep fit classes are to continue. Sue Weaver, a qualified PE teacher, has now taken over from Patricia Bennett, who retired recently.

Sue is qualified with EXTEND, a charity promoting the well-being of people over 60 through movement to music, and runs several classes locally, including one at the Bournville Friends Meeting House.

The classes, which are organised jointly by Bournville Village Trust and Bournville Village Council, take place in Dame Elizabeth Hall (behind the Estate Office) every Tuesday during term time from 10 - 11am.

HomeBuy relaunched

As Bournville Village Trust is a charitable housing association, tenants do not usually have the Right to Buy the home they rent from BVT.

But a newly-extended scheme called 'HomeBuy' is being promoted to tenants and others by the Housing Corporation.

HomeBuy provides tailored support for people priced out of the private market, and will advise on all forms of help available. An example of this would be helping key workers get onto the first rung of the housing ladder, by buying a share of a new home.

It also means some tenants who may think they cannot afford to buy could be eligible for an equity loan under the scheme.

There are agents across the country at one-stop shops for advice on low-cost home-ownership. The West Midlands and Shropshire agent is Mercian Housing Association, who can be contacted on 0121 377 8899.

To find out more, visit www.housingcorp.gov.uk and then click on the HomeBuy logo.

Flora marks her special day

A Bournville resident, who has lived here since the 1940s, celebrated her 100th birthday this year.

Flora Lewis celebrated the special occasion with a few drinks amongst family and friends on June 22.

She first became a BVT tenant after the Second World War, when she and her late husband were offered one of the new properties on Shenley Fields Road.

The couple both worked at Cadbury's and they were among the first residents to move into Rowheath House on July 29, 1978.

Flora said: "I was lucky enough to be able to choose my flat and so I chose number 41, which I have never regretted.

"When I first moved, you could watch football matches from the lounge window on a Sunday morning."

Flora has always been an active participant in the social life of

Rowheath House and with the support of her family, neighbours and home-help has been able to maintain independent living.

She enjoys reading, crochet and watching sport and partakes in a small tittle of whisky most days which she says is good for her health - at 100, who are we to disagree!



• Flora Lewis - 100 years young!

Selly Manor is the perfect wedding location



As the wedding season approaches this summer, Bournville residents are reminded that they don't have to look far to find the perfect location.

Originally moved and rebuilt in Bournville village by the Cadbury family, Selly Manor was the first museum in Birmingham to be licensed for civil wedding ceremonies. Since January 2001 the Museum has been a part of many couples' special day and provides a picturesque location for a small, intimate wedding.

The historic building sits next to Minworth Greaves, possibly the oldest building in Birmingham licensed for weddings. The timber-framed Tudor houses are over 700 years old

and provide the ideal location for a civil wedding ceremony.

Only four miles from the city centre, the buildings are set in a period garden which is perfect for memorable photographs with family and friends.

Selly Manor will be opening it's doors for prospective brides and groom on the weekend of July 22 and 23 from 2pm until 5pm. There will be experienced staff on hand to discuss couples' needs and show visitors around the traditional surroundings.

For further information about the Selly Manor Wedding Open Days call 0121 472 0199 or go to www.bvt.org.uk/sellymanor

Trust looks to recruit

Bournville Village Trust is looking to recruit staff to assist during busy periods like staff holidays and illness. The Trust's Supported Housing department operates a dual registered residential and nursing home in Bournville, for 44 older people, regulated by the Commission for Social Care Inspection.

We are offering the opportunity for regular work. Duties include working alongside the permanent staff team and providing consistent service delivery to residents.

Opportunities exist within the nursing, catering and housekeeping staff teams.

If you would like further details, please contact the home on 0121 472 3721 or the Human Resources department on 0121 415 6416 for an application pack.

Survey helps shape services

A big thank you to all tenants who completed a STATUS survey, which asked you to tell us your views on your property, the area you live and the service we provide.

We now have lots of information which we can use to shape our services and make improvements that will benefit tenants and the wider community.

Look out for the autumn edition of Outlook for the results of the survey, the improvements we will be making and who has won the £500 prize draw vouchers.

If you receive a questionnaire it is important that you complete it and send it back to us - the information you provide is extremely valuable and makes a real difference to the services we provide. Everyone who completes our regular questionnaires is automatically entered into our regular prize draws - good luck!